

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Administration Building - Room 310

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice-Chair Shana Shroll.

(Vice-Chair Shroll is chairing the meeting because Chair Saalfeld is in New York attending bond rating meetings.)

Present: Commissioners Antor, Bolter, Brieve, Bulkowski, Chivis, Hennessy, Jones, Kallman, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Shroll, Stek, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees - 17.

Absent: Talen, Chair Saalfeld - 2.

Invocation: Commissioner Brieve gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Young Leaders Against Violence – Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Madison Bogard, Abigail Choffel and Amber Amaya, members of Young Leaders Against Violence (YLAV), explained what/who is YLAV, what defines sexual assault, who it affects and what should be done about it. (A copy of the PowerPoint is on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)

Vice Chair Shroll read and presented the YLAV with a proclamation from the Board of Commissioners recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Patty Birkholz (Michigan League of Conservation Voters and Agribusiness Community Work Group member) - She supports the Agribusiness Community Work Group Report; it was well done and agribusiness is very important to Kent County.
2. Teresa Hendricks (Director of Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance) – She supports the very well done Agribusiness Community Work Group Report. Ag workers depend on agribusiness.
3. Rick Chapla (The Right Place, Inc. and Agribusiness Community Work Group member) – He commended the Board for the creation of the Agribusiness Community Work Group and urged Commissioners to adopt its report.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2016, Meeting and Work Session
- b) Resolutions:

4-14-16-24 – FY 2016 UNDERAGE DRINKING ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM THE MICHIGAN OFFICE
OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police, through its Office of Highway Safety Planning, has approved funding for Kent County in the amount of \$10,588 in order to increase enforcement of underage drinking. One of the most serious and unintentional outcomes of underage drinking relates to the deaths and injuries that result from subsequent traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, the goals under this grant are to ensure that minors are not served alcohol at licensed facilities. Alcohol compliance checks will be conducted at approximately 25 liquor licensed establishments by September 25, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used strictly for costs associated with overtime wages and benefits of the deputy. It is estimated that approximately 175 hours of underage drinking enforcement will take place under the grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is February 29, 2016 to September 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby accept a FY 2016 Underage Drinking Enforcement grant from the Michigan State Police through its Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP), and to appropriate \$10,588 to the FY 2016 Sheriff Department - Special Project Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Brieve, seconded by Commissioner Kallman, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Jones, Bolter, Stek, Ponstein, Voorhees, Kallman, Brieve, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Vice-Chair Shroll – 17.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

4-14-16-25 – ADOPTION OF AGRIBUSINESS COMMUNITY WORK GROUP REPORT / BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2014, then Board Chair Dan Koorndyk created the Agribusiness Community Work Group (ACWG) with representation from local units of government, the private sector, and community groups to identify, evaluate, and recommend opportunities to support, expand, and attract agribusiness while being mindful of the limited resources of local governments ; and

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WHEREAS, the 14-member Work Group met regularly between June 2014 and May 2015, and again in October and November 2015, to develop a comprehensive report. The Report underscored the importance of agribusiness locally and statewide and concluded that while much is already being done by a variety of organizations and stakeholders within the County and the region to support agriculture, additional focus or emphasis in a few key areas would be beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the ACWG approved the Report on November 16, 2015. The Report was received by the Board of Commissioners on November 19, 2015, and presented at a Board work session on February 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Board Chair Jim Saalfeld has referred the ACWG Report to the Legislative and Human Resources Committee for consideration of a recommendation for adoption by the Board; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Report by the Board will give substantive effect to the findings within the Report, allowing it to be used by the County and other organizations and stakeholders as support for grant applications and other activities in support of agribusiness in the region; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Legislative and Human Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopt the Final Report of the Agribusiness Community Work Group.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

4-14-16-26 – 2016 EQUALIZATION REPORT / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Equalization has completed its review of the 2016 assessment rolls of the 21 townships and 9 cities of Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Equalization recommends adoption of the State Equalized Value (SEV) of the real and personal property in the total combined amount of \$24,129,416,055. This is an Increase of 4.74 percent over the 2015 SEV of \$23,036,449,123. The State Taxable Value (STV) of the real and personal property is \$21,119,691,880, an increase of .53 percent over the 2015 STV of \$21,007,674,507.

Real Property:

Agricultural	\$ 349,792,700
Commercial	\$ 4,662,215,500
Industrial	\$ 1,158,645,200
Residential	\$ 16,306,359,600
Developmental	\$ 992,100
Timber Cutover	\$ 0
TOTAL REAL	\$ 22,478,005,100

Personal Property:

TOTAL PERSONAL \$ 1,651,410,955

GRAND TOTAL \$ 24,129,416,055

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in compliance with MCL 211.34, as amended, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2016 Kent County Equalization Report; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners herby appoints Equalization Director Matthew Woolford to represent Kent County in matters of equalization before the State Tax Commission pursuant to MCL 209.7.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Voorhees, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

4-14-16-27 – AMEND FRIEND OF THE COURT BUDGET TO REFLECT NEW STATE MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS, ADD TWO DEPUTIES / FRIEND OF THE COURT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, in August 2015, the State Court Administrator's Office notified the Friend of the Court (FOC) that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services would begin providing incentive payments to counties for medical support reimbursement. The FOC estimates that its incentive earnings will average \$150,000 annually, but has been informed by the State that Fiscal Year 2016 payments will total approximately \$313,200, which includes incentive payments earned for previous years; and

WHEREAS, the FOC is requesting, and the Sheriff supports, using a portion of these funds to add two Sheriff Road Patrol Deputy positions to be assigned to the FOC to focus entirely on warrant enforcement activities on the more than 4,000 warrants issued annually; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost for wages and benefits for the two Road Patrol Deputies is \$244,166. Additional one-time costs of \$163,821 will be incurred in Fiscal Year 2016 to purchase vehicles, uniforms, and equipment. Due to timing, total costs for Fiscal Year 2016 are estimated to be \$285,904. Any revenues received in excess of this amount will be used to reduce the General Fund transfer to the FOC Budget; and

WHEREAS, since two-thirds of the cost of personnel and the non-recurring items are also eligible to be reimbursed by the federal government under the FOC's Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program grant, the FOC will request an amendment to the grant to include these additional expenses; and

WHEREAS, the additional revenues from the incentive payments and Title IV-D funding are expected to cover all costs associated with the deputies in future years; and

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WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee and the Legislative and Human Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriate \$161,551 in Medical Support Incentive payments and \$124,353 in additional Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement revenues to the 2016 Friend of the Court Budget, and to add two Road Patrol Deputy positions to the Sheriff Department to provide enforcement services for the Friend of the Court; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event funding is eliminated or decreased, the position(s) will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to Fiscal Policy on grants, contracts, and donations.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Jones, Bolter, Stek, Ponstein, Voorhees, Kallman, Brieve, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Vice-Chair Shroll – 17.

Nays: 0.

4-14-16-28 – ADD SCALEHOUSE ATTENDANT POSITION / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, since opening in 2010, the Recycling and Education Center (REC) utilized a self-service kiosk at the scale for inbound recycling trucks with varying success due to misplaced access cards, forgotten entry codes and drivers going around the scale; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of service fees for recycling loads this past January required accurate accounting of inbound materials for billing purposes. During recent scale software upgrades, staff evaluated changes at the self-serve kiosk to help reduce mistakes and were unable to find a system that would not require monitoring to prevent misuse; and

WHEREAS, in addition to ensuring an accurate accounting of recycling loads, the Scalehouse Attendant will also assist the Recycling Facility Supervisor with driver paperwork for inbound and outbound commodity loads; and

WHEREAS, the total annual cost for this position is \$56,023. Because this position is not anticipated to be filled until May, the adjusted cost of this position for eight months will be \$37,350 for 2016; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Legislative and Human Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approve the addition of a full-time Scalehouse Attendant position at the Department of Public Works.

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

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Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Antor, Morgan, Jones, Bolter, Stek, Ponstein, Voorhees, Kallman, Brieve, Mast, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Chivis, Koorndyk, Vice-Chair Shroll – 17.

Nays: 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Gerald R. Ford International Airport

Commissioner Morgan: Reported that fundraising for the new Airport checkpoint center is going well. A farewell party for Airport Executive Director Brian Ryks will be held at Egypt Valley Country Club on May 4, at 5:30 p.m.

Community Mental Health / Network180

Commissioner Mast: Network180 conducted surveys due to staff concerns regarding services to persons with developmental disabilities. This has led to an in-depth report and changes will be made soon to improve delivery of services.

MISCELLANEOUS

Autism Walk

Commissioner Brieve: Hope Network and the Grand Rapids Public Museum are hosting a walk across the Blue Bridge in Grand Rapids on April 27, at 5:00 p.m., to raise awareness for autism. April is Autism Awareness Month.

Veterans Facility Events

Commissioner Antor: The Grand Rapids Veteran's Home amphitheater is now available for events. An event will be held on June 18 honoring World War II veterans.

Photo with Young Leaders Against Violence

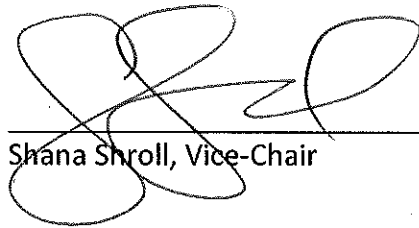
Vice-Chair Shroll: There will be a group photo with Commissioners and the YLAV immediately following the meeting.

Parks Foundation Breakfast

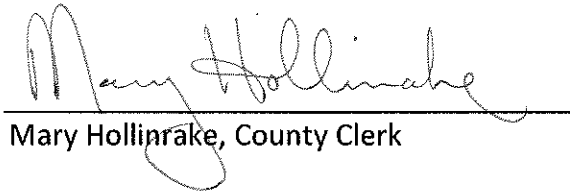
Vice-Chair Shroll: Commissioners interested in attending the Parks Foundation breakfast at New Vintage Place on May 11, at 7:30 a.m., should R.S.V.P. to the Executive Assistant to the Board, Pam Van Keuren.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:21 a.m., Commissioner Brieve moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 28, 2016, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan. Motion carried.



Shana Shroll, Vice-Chair



Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk